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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU

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William Dever  
 Competition Policy Division  
 Wireline Competition Bureau  
 Mail Stop 5C-207  
 Federal Communications Commission  
 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street S.W.  
 Washington, D.C 20554

RE: Special Temporary Authority

Dear Mr. Dever:

Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc. (**MTI**) is a six year **old** Certified Local Exchange Carrier based in Illinois. We are in the process of acquiring the customer base of a distressed carrier (Five **Star** Phone Center) under the provisions of Section 214 of the FCC's Rules. Five Star's customer base is in danger of being disconnected by SBC/Ameritech on September 12, 2002 because of non-payment by Five **Star**.

Please allow this letter to serve as a request for special temporary authority to provide service to those customers until such time as our application for Transfer of Control is granted by the Commission. To that end, MTI will, today, submit a Petition for Waiver of Section 64.1120(e) of the **Rules** and will, upon grant of that petition, submit an application for Transfer of Control. However, due to time constraints beyond our control, the **end users** of Five **Star** will experience a disruption in local service if a Special Temporary **Authority** is not granted.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to call me at 708.679.5050. *Thank you*, in advance, for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jerry E. Holt, CEO  
 Midwestern Telecommunications, Inc